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**Miss Madelyn Mack, Detective.** By HUGH C. WEIR. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 328. \$1.25 net.

A series of five detective stories, in which Miss Mack, the wonderful woman detective, is a regular Sherlock Holmes in unravelling the intricate mysteries set before her. The book is well illustrated and is sure to hold the interest of the reader as the clues are followed to the last page of the solution.

**American Composers.** By RUPERT HUGHES and ARTHUR ELSON. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 582. \$2.50 net.

This is a new and revised edition of this work on contemporary American composers and besides giving a rather comprehensive account of the music of the country it gives a biography of the leaders. It is the author's belief that some of the best music in the world is being written here at home and that it only needs to be brought to light to be appreciated. The book is illustrated with autographs and pictures of many of the composers.

**Bulgaria and Her People.** By WILL S. MONROE. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 410. \$3.00 net.

The author of this book was in Bulgaria during the last war and has given an authentic account of the geography, history, peoples, institutions, education, religion, commerce, art, music, literature, and leading cities of the country. He also gives an account of the Bulgars in Macedonia.

Professor Monroe considers that the Bulgars have outdistanced the other peoples of the Balkan peninsula in most of those matters that make for social progress and civilization. It is a timely and entertainingly written book and is profusely illustrated by special photographs.

**The Spell of Japan.** By ISABEL ANDERSON. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 396. \$2.50 net.

In this book the interesting country of Japan is portrayed by the author in a very pleasing way. Her experiences there as wife of the American ambassador gave her a splendid chance to learn a great deal about the life, the customs, the court life, the festivals, the shrines, the amusements and the literature of the Japanese people. She also saw much of the natural beauty of this Island Empire and has told it all in an entertaining manner. It is beautifully illustrated.

**The Spell of Spain.** By KEITH CLARK. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 425. \$2.50 net.

Mr. Clark has given a vivid description of the places of special interest in this country and has told the story so well that the reader feels under the "spell." There is not only a description of the country but of the people, their customs and their religion.

Like the other volumes of this "spell" series, it is beautifully illustrated with special pictures and photo reproductions. The publishers are to be congratulated on the excellence of the series.

**Blue Bonnet in Boston.** By CAROLINE E. JACOBS and LELA H. RICHARDS. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. —. \$1.50 net.

A delightful story of a wealthy Texas girl who goes to an expensive boarding school in Boston. The book tells of her days there, giving an account of her school duties and studies as well as the social life and larks.

**Our Knowledge of the External World as a Field of Scientific Method in Philosophy.** By BERTRAND RUSSELL. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co. Pp. 245. \$2.00.

In eight lectures the author considers: current tendencies; logic as the essence of philosophy; our knowledge of the external world; the world of physics and the world of sense; the theory of continuity; the problem of infinity considered historically; the positive theory of infinity; the notion of cause and its application to the free will problem. It is an endeavor to show by means of examples the nature, capacity and limitations of the logical-analytical (mathematical) method in philosophy. It considers the theories of the past as useful and worthy of study, but if philosophy is to become a science it must follow this new method.

**The True Ulysses S. Grant.** By CHARLES KING. Philadelphia: The J. B. Lippincott Company. Pp. 400. \$2.00 net.

The writer of this volume came to his task with great interest and in the belief that there were virtues possessed by Grant which had not been given due prominence by earlier biographers. Being one of Grant's subalterns and having an intimate knowledge of his every day life, the author gives a clear and interesting pen picture of this great American. It will take its place among the "True Biographies" series as a valuable addition to the group and supplies many sidelights on the history of this important period.

**Laird & Lee's Diary and Time-Saver** maintains its high standard and as usual has something new. Besides the diary proper it contains information about the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the Panama-California Exposition at San Diego, the moon's phases for 1915, population of U. S. cities of 10,000 and up, Panama Canal statistics and map, calendars, first historical things, birthstones, state flowers, wages table, surgical and medical hints, business laws, legal weights per bushel, cash account pages, page for telephone numbers one uses, astrological signs for each day in the year. Attractive full flexible leather binding, gild edges, gold title, 25c. Press of Laird & Lee, Inc., Chicago.